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Gentlemen:

Because some of you were absent from the Council on Human Relations meeting last week we did not take up the STAR item. However I should like Mr. Crews to go ahead with this project if possible, and to call on the rest of us for help if needed.

In answer to our request I received a visit from Mr. Melvin Wells, Job Development Specialist, Systematic Training and Redevelopment, Inc., Box 758, Holly Springs 38635. We talked specifically about the program of training for specific job openings, although as you know STAR has other types of adult education also.

Local people are hired to do the training, and STAR will pay as high as 70 per cent of the cost. The employer's contribution may be "in kind". He gave as an example of an ideal situation a meat processing plant in Marshall County where the employer provides the building and the meat and STAR pays the instructor's salary. The class must have a minimum of ten, as I understand; however the commitment for employment might come from several employers in the same type of business (dry cleaning, for example). Training is offered only for jobs which pay at least the minimum wage. This program is only for the unemployed or underemployed, and involves a lower level of training than secretarial.

Mr. Wells is asking us to enlist the cooperation of the business community and city council to find out the needs in this area. He will be glad to assist us in this matter but feels we are in a better position to make initial contacts. After employers declare themselves in need of a certain type of worker, the STAR recruiters will find people to train for those positions.

Can I count on you to carry this ball for a little while?

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